(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what help Government will provide to the farm owners for export of poultry products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Japan has approved India as a poultry meat supply country without inspection of poultry plants and will accept the hygiene certificates issued by the Government of India with effect from 13th October 2005. However, if the standards are not properly adhered to, the Government of Japan will stop accepting our hygiene certificates.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to increase export of poultry products include specification of standards, monitoring of pesticide residues, financial assistance to exporters for developmental and export promotional activities, development of infrastructure/export promotion marketing assistance etc. Recently, as a special measure to boost poultry exports, "poultry and its value added products" have been brought within the purview of the "Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana", under the Foreign Trade Policy 2004—09, with effect from 1st April, 2005.

**Steps to recapture Chinese market for Indian Salt**

2307. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China curtailed its import indents for Indian salt by more than half this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether China has also imposed vigorous quality standards on salt imported from India;

(d) whether Indian salt export industry is severely hit by withdrawal of Chinese patronage; and

(e) if so, steps being taken by Government to recapture the Chinese market for Indian salt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a), (c) and(d) No, Sir.

(b) and (e) Do not arise.

**Contribution of exports in GDP**

†2308. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is the only country among Brazil, India, China and Russia where value of import is found greater than value of export;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that contribution of exports in GDP in Brazil, China and Russia is greater as compared to India; and

(d) if so, the average annual contribution of the exports in GDP of the above said countries since 2002 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) There are a number of countries where the value of imports is more than value of exports. However, according to WTO data for 2004, among the group of four countries, *viz.*, Brazil, India, China and Russia, India is the only country where the value of import of goods is greater than value of export of goods.

(c) and (d) According to the latest data of the World Bank, the average annual share of exports in GDP of the above mentioned countries since 2002 is as follows:

**Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)**

| Country | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brazil | 15 | 17 | 22 |
| China | 29 | 34 | 40 |
| Russian Federation | 35 | 32 | 26 |
| India | 15 | 14 | 15 |

Source: World Development Indicators database.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.